

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Maurizio PILU	Attorney Docket No.:	30980088US
Serial No.:	09/786,825	Art Unit:	Not Known
Filed:	March 9, 2001	Examiner:	Not Known
For:	DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM		

Box PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

Applicant respectfully requests that the finding of Abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn, in view of the Petition and Affidavit filed August 15, 2001. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment is attached at Tab A and a copies of the Petition and Affidavit are attached at Tab B. Additional documentation supporting a removal of abandonment in this case is also attached, as detailed below:

This application was abandoned for failure to provide the full U.S. Basic National Fee ("the Fee") by 20 months from the priority date. As stated in the submission of August 15, 2001, the Fee was authorized to have been charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 at the time of filing.

The undersigned has filed two other National Phase Utility Patent Applications in the Receiving Office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, with the full U.S. Basic National Fee being charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025, as follows:

Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/786,768 was filed on March 9, 2001, the same day as the above-identified application, with a transmittal form identical to the one used for 09/786,825. In this case, the Fee was correctly charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 and a Notification of Acceptance of Application was mailed on April 16, 2001. The Notification expressly states that the U.S. Basic National Fee was received. Copies of the transmittal paper and Notification for this case are attached at Tab C.

Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/786,825 was filed on June 27, 2001, with a transmittal form identical to the one used for 09/786,825. In this case, the Fee was correctly charged to Deposit Account No. 08-8025 and a Notification of Acceptance of Application was mailed on September 7, 2001. Copies of the transmittal paper and Notification for this case are attached at Tab D.

In the examples listed above and evidenced by the documents attached at Tabs B-D, the U.S. Basic National Fee was correctly charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Although the same transmittal form was used in all three cases, two were accepted and one was abandoned.

Applicant's Petition and Affidavit filed August 15, 2001 address this one-time inconsistency in the filings of National Phase Utility Patent Applications in the Receiving Office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. To avoid any future problems of this nature regarding charges to the deposit account, Applicant will submit checks to cover the full U.S. Basic National Fee for future National Phase Applications.

Applicant respectfully requests that the finding of Abandonment for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/786,825 be withdrawn and a Notification of Acceptance of Application be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

WILMER CUTLER & PICKERING

Date: September 17, 2001

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US APPLICATION NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
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M	30980088US
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	

PCT/GB00/02621

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NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as
☒ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☐ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has made the following determination:

1. ☐ Applicant's letter of express abandonment received _____ is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.138 and is hereby acknowledged.

2. ☒ Applicant has failed to provide the full U. S. Basic National Fee by ☒ 20 months (37 CFR 1.494 (b)(2)), ☐ 30 months (37 CFR 1.495 (b)(2)).

3. ☐ Applicant has failed to respond to the notification of MISSING REQUIREMENTS (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed _____ within the time period set therein.

4. ☐ Applicant has failed to properly respond to the notification of MISSING REQUIREMENTS (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed _____ within the time period set therein. See the attached NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE RESPONSE (Form PCT/DO/EO/916).

5. ☒ Other: *Per our conversation have not received documentation*

Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494, ☐ 1.495 and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

PETITION REGARDING DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182

The above-identified application was filed as a National Phase of PCT/GB00/02621 on March 9, 2001. At the time of filing, the undersigned intended to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, as indicated on the attached copy of the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated / Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371.

According to Katherine Short of the PCT Receiving Office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, this application has become unavoidably abandoned for non-payment of the filing fee. To the best knowledge of the undersigned, the filing fee should have been charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 at the time of filing. See attached Transmittal Letter.

Over eighty (80) previous U.S. Applications of Hewlett-Packard were charged by me to their Deposit Account No. 08-2025, going back to August of 2000. In this instance, the only difference was that the letterhead for the Transmittal Letter did not contain the official Hewlett-Packard logo, a requirement not known to the undersigned at the time of filing.

Attached are checks in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the filing fee and \$130.00 to cover the petition fee. Also attached is a Deposit Account Authorization Form. Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-2025, in accordance with the Deposit Account Authorization Form filed concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

WILMER CUTLER & PICKERING

Date:

August 15 2001

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RECEIPT FROM PTO FOR INDICATED ITEMS

Appln. No: Unknown	Atty: R. Lawrence/JWR
First Inventor: Maurizio PILU	Date: March 9, 2001
	PDNO: 30990023US

ENCLOSED:

☐ Response/Amendment ☒ Cover Sheet ☐ Cited/Listed

☐ Response to Notice of Missing Parts

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☒ 1 Set ☐ 1 Set ☐ Cover Letter

☒ Declaration ☐ 2 # of pages

☒ Assignment ☒ Cover Sheet

☐ Small Entity Declaration

☐ Extension Petition

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☒ IDS including PTO-1449

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AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHORITY TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

John W. Ryan (Registration No. 33,771) of the law firm of Wilmer Cutler & Pickering, has been authorized to charge official fees to the Deposit Account of Hewlett Packard Company (08-2025) since August of 2000.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: _____

8/15/2001

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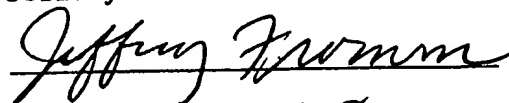
Please charge the filing fee of \$860.00 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19 1.20 and 1.21.

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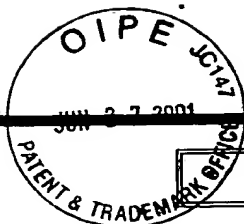
From: John W. Ryan

COMMENTS:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Petition, Affidavit and Deposit Account Authorization, including copies of the checks for the filing fee of \$860.00 and the Petition Fee of \$130.00, filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office today.

We are beginning to send a communication of 1 pages (including this cover sheet). If transmission is interrupted or of poor quality, please notify us immediately by telephone at (202) 663-6712.

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Appln. No: Unknown	Atty: R. Lawrence/JWR
First Inventor: Ian JOHNSON et al.	Filing Date: Herewith
	Docket No. 30990009US

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☐ Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) + (c)

\$ ☐ 900.00 Fee (Deposit Account 08-2025)

OTHER: ☐ Preliminary Amendment

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Attorney's Docket No.
30980088US

U.S. Applicant
Not Yet Known

International Application No.
PCT/GB00/02621

International Filing Date
07 July 2000

Priority Date Claimed
09 July 1999

Title of Invention:
DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM

Applicant(s) For DO/EO/US:
Maurizio PILU

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
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3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a) ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
8. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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 - c) ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
10. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
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12. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 13. to 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
19. ☐ Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail.
20. ☒ Other items or information
 - a) ☐ Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.
 - b) ☒ Itemized receipt page
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International Application No.
PCT/GB00/02621

Attorney Docket No.
30980088US

21. The following fees are submitted:

Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO; International Search Report prepared by EPO OR JPO | \$ 860.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO; international search fee paid to USPTO | \$ 710.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO; all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) | \$ 690.00 |
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	10 - 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)			\$270.00	\$0.00

TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$860.00

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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$900.00

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Attorney's Docket No.
3099002

U.S. Application
Not Yet Known

International Application No.
PCT/GB00/02603

International Filing Date
07 July 2000

Priority Date Claimed
09 July 1999

Title of Invention:
CURLED SURFACE IMAGING SYSTEM

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB00/04148

I.A. FILING DATE 26 OCT 00 PRIORITY DATE 28 OCT 99

DATE MAILED 07 SEP 2001

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as ☒ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), ☐ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above-identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

27 JUNE 2001 27 JUNE 2001
DATE OF RECEIPT OF DATE OF RECEIPT OF ALL
35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above-identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. ☐ A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on _____ and the application will be examined in turn.

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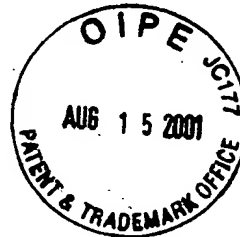
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